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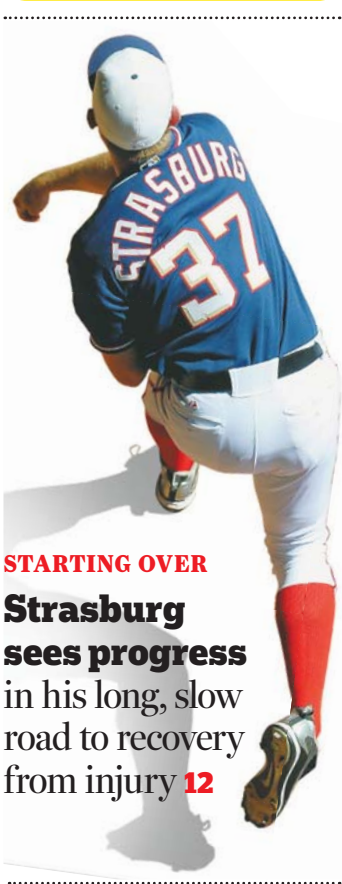
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Police Seek Thief for New, Experimental Jerkectomy

Police say a fake valet at a hospital offered to park a pregnant woman's car, then drove away with it. Lowell, Mass., police say that the woman drove herself to Lowell General Hospital at 3 a.m. Friday while suffering labor pains. A man wearing a uniform-style shirt introduced himself as the valet and volunteered to move the car. Then he drove away. The hospital does not offer a valet service. (AP)

Horse Responds With Biting Op-Ed Column



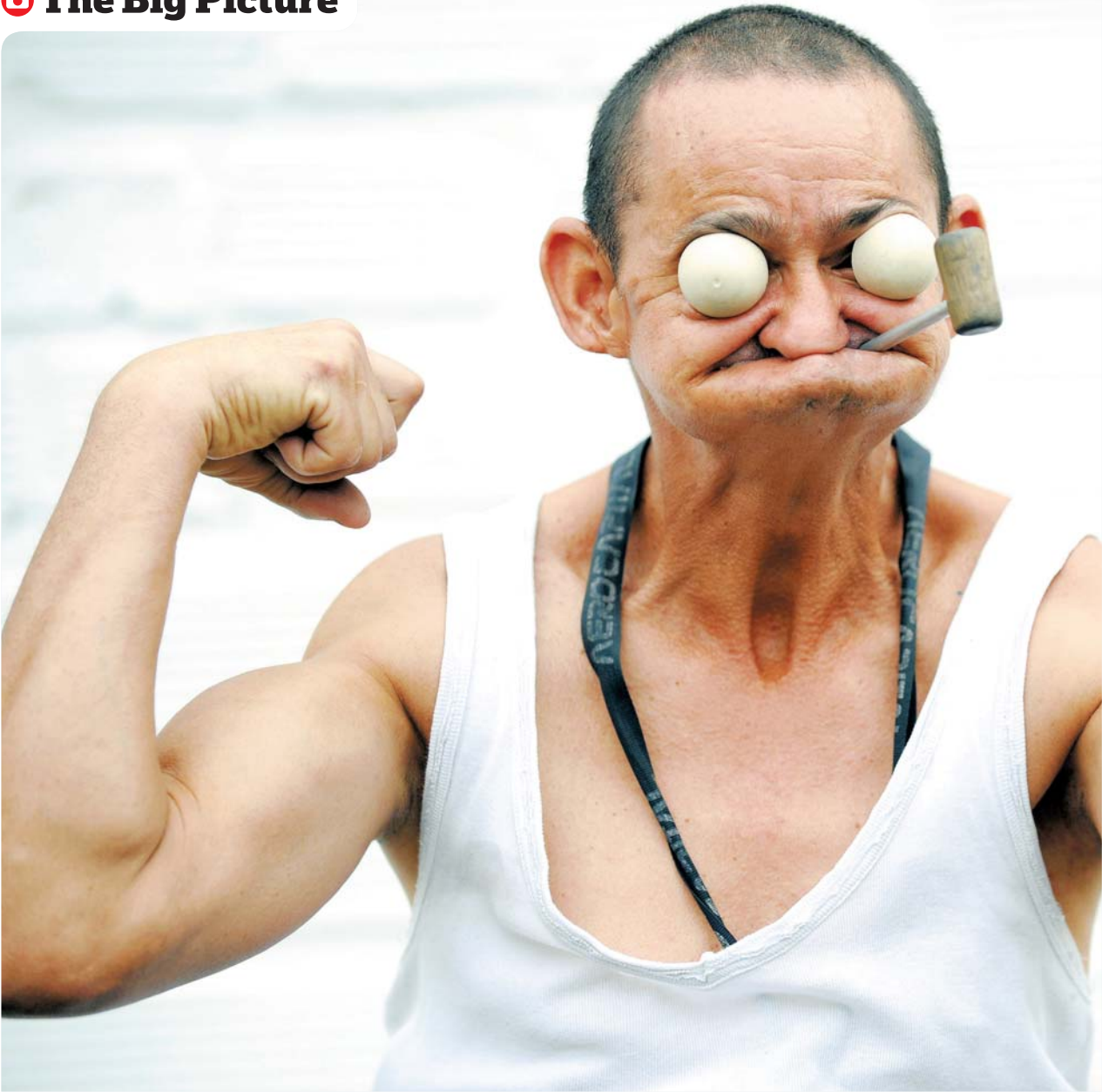
A St. Petersburg, Fla., woman is facing a charge of battery after allegedly slapping a police horse in the nose. Authorities say 29-year-old Stephanie Six hit the animal as a mounted officer was trying to control crowds in downtown St. Petersburg early Saturday morning. Six was released from jail later that day. (AP)

Other Rejected Ad Ideas: 'I Have a California Dream'

The Orange County Weekly reports that Thalia Surf Shop in Laguna Beach, Calif., offered a promotion Monday: 20 percent off all black products, in honor of Martin Luther King Day. The flier featured an image of a surfer with King's head Photoshopped on it and called the two-day discount a "Respect Sale." The ad has been removed from the store's website. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture

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WILLIAM CHAVARRIAGA poses as Popeye the Sailor Man on Monday at Enrique Olaya Herrera Airport in Medellin, Colombia. Chavarriaga, 49, has worked as a cleaner at the airport for 30 years and says he enjoys entertaining his colleagues and that he likes the attention. (EXPRESS)

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

House Launches Debate On Health Care Repeal

The House met Tuesday for its first day of debate on a measure that would repeal the health care overhaul, after legislative action came to a standstill following the Tucson, Ariz., shootings on Jan. 8 that killed six and left 13 wounded, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz. A vote on the measure is expected to come Wednesday. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Comcast-NBC Deal OK'd

The FCC on Tuesday approved, 4-1, Comcast's acquisition of NBC Universal, allowing for a joint venture that puts a vast library of television shows and movies under the control of the nation's biggest cable and broadband Internet service provider. (AP)

CUPERTINO, CALIF.

Apple: 78 Percent Jump In Quarterly Net Income

Apple Inc. said Tuesday that its net income for the most recent quarter rose 78 percent as holiday shoppers snapped up more than 7 million iPads, about a million more than expected. Net income jumped to \$6 billion, or \$6.43 per share, up from \$3.4 billion, or \$3.67 per share. Apple's earnings were overshadowed by news on Monday that CEO Steve Jobs will take a medical leave of absence. (AP)

China Seeks 'Common Ground'

Hu looks to improve country's ties with Washington in visit

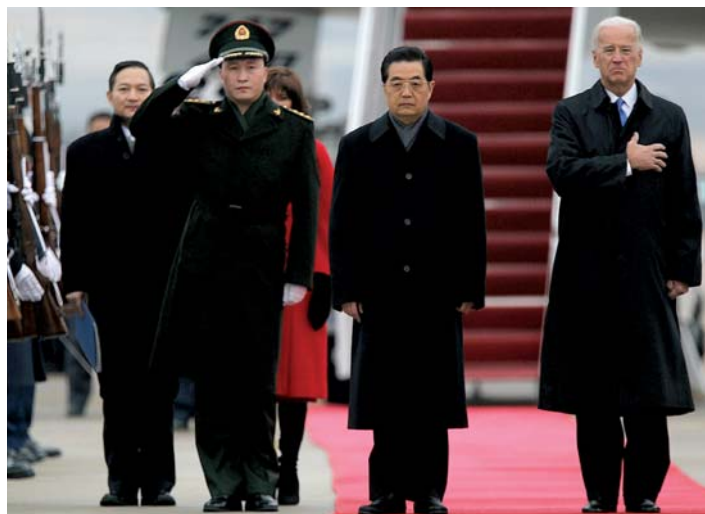
Washington

Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived Tuesday for a U.S. state visit replete with ceremonial flourishes but driven by high-priority economic, global security and human rights issues.

After a tense year marked by verbal clashes between Washington and Beijing on matters from trade and currency to North Korea, Hu is seeking to reaffirm China's position as a rising power but also to calm fears over its intentions.

President Obama, meanwhile, wants to refocus attention on China's human rights record, and according to aides will likely make the point that expanded civil liberties could spur economic innovation in the emerging powerhouse.

Hu comes to the United States at a time when U.S. policy toward China has hardened. Obama came into office expressing a sense that together the U.S. and China had an



Vice President Joe Biden, right, welcomes Chinese President Hu Jintao, center, with a ceremony on Tuesday afternoon at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

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The number of years since China was last honored with a U.S. state dinner, when President Bill Clinton welcomed Jiang Zemin in 1997. (AP)

opportunity to solve many of the world's problems. After U.S. officials tussled with Chinese security guards at the Copenhagen Climate

Conference in 2009, and China reacted strongly to the \$6.4 billion sale of U.S. weapons to Taiwan, the White House's tone changed.

The Obama administration has slapped tariffs on Chinese goods, directed the U.S. Export-Import Bank to match China's financing terms on key international business deals and is challenging China's clean-energy policies.

Hu is scheduled to headline a

Meanwhile ...



House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, declined an invitation to attend Wednesday's state dinner for

Chinese President Hu Jintao, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Tuesday. Congressional leaders from both parties were invited, Gibbs said, and "we hoped that because of the importance of the [U.S.-China] relationship that they would attend." (AP)

state dinner at the White House on Wednesday. He is also expected to tour the new Chinese Embassy complex, meet with congressional leaders, and travel to Chicago to visit a school and attend a dinner.

Before leaving for Washington, Hu expressed hope that his country and the U.S. could find "common ground."

"We both stand to gain from a sound China-U.S. relationship, and lose from confrontation," Hu said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Joe Says No: Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., will not seek a fifth term in 2012, according two Democratic sources. Lieberman's office did not offer any comment, saying that he would make an announcement Wednesday. Lieberman will be the second Democratic senator to make public his plans to leave the chamber in the span of 24 hours. On Tuesday, Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said he would not seek a fifth term in 2012. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Shriver, Noted Civil Servant, Dies

Kennedy in-law led nascent Peace Corps, government services

Bethesda, Md.

R. Sargent Shriver, the Kennedy in-law whose career included directing the Peace Corps, fighting the “War on Poverty” and, less successfully, running for office, died Tuesday. He was 95.

Shriver, who had Alzheimer’s disease, had been hospitalized for several days. His death came less than two years after that of his

wife, Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who died Aug. 11, 2009, at age 88.

Shriver was often known first as an in-law — brother-in-law of President John F. Kennedy and, late in life, father-in-law of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Still, his achievements changed millions of lives: He was the Peace Corps’ first director and led President Lyndon Johnson’s “War on Poverty,” out

of which came such programs as Head Start and Legal Services.

Shriver was born in 1915. He went to Yale Law School and served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

He married Eunice Kennedy in 1953 and was George McGovern’s running mate in 1972, but the Democrats lost in a landslide to President Richard Nixon.

In 1994, Shriver received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor.

President Obama called Shriver “one of the brightest lights of the greatest generation.” (AP)

Shriver

Job Security? Lawyers say that members of Congress are not subject to an Arizona statute allowing an election if a public officeholder ceases to “discharge the duties of office for ... three consecutive months,” meaning the seat held by Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is not at risk. Giffords is recovering from a bullet through her brain after the Jan. 8 shootings in Tucson, Ariz. The U.S. Constitution provides the qualifications for service in Congress. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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BAGHDAD
Suicide Bomber Kills 52, Shattering Peaceful Lull

A suicide bomber killed 52 people among a crowd of police recruits in Saddam Hussein's hometown Tuesday, shattering a two-month lull in major attacks and spurring calls to keep the U.S. military in Iraq beyond 2011. It was the second time in three days that efforts to bolster Iraqi police and army soldiers have backfired. (AP)

MEXICO CITY
Mexico Police: Founding Gang Member Captured

Mexico's federal police have arrested a founding member of the brutal Zetas drug cartel, a man who controlled drug smuggling routes and the kidnapping of Central American migrants in southern Mexico, officials said Tuesday. Flavio Mendez Santiago, 35, was arrested outside Oaxaca City. (AP)

DUBLIN
'97 Vatican Letter Warns To Not Report All Abuse

A newly revealed 1997 letter from the Vatican warned Ireland's Catholic bishops not to report all suspected child-abuse cases to police — a disclosure that victims groups described as “the smoking gun” needed to show that the Vatican enforced a worldwide culture of cover-up. (AP)

SANTIAGO, CHILE
Leader Ends Gas Protests That Stranded Tourists

The Chilean official widely cheered for overseeing the rescue of trapped miners scored another victory Tuesday, negotiating an end to a weeklong protest over gas price hikes that paralyzed the country's southernmost region. Mining Minister Laurence Golborne was given the additional job of energy minister this weekend and sent by President Sebastian Pinera to end blockades that stranded hundreds of foreign tourists. (AP)

Haiti's 'Baby Doc' Faces Charges

Ex-dictator allegedly pilfered treasury before 1986 ouster

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

A judge will decide whether former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier will be tried on charges that include corruption and embezzlement for allegedly pilfering the treasury before his 1986 ouster, a lawyer for the ex-strongman said Tuesday.

A judge questioned the former dictator known as “Baby Doc” in an hourslong, closed-door court

session, defense attorney Gervais Charles said. The decision to move toward a trial makes clear that whatever Duvalier's reasons were for returning to Haiti on Sunday, the government is poised to take the opportunity to seek justice for his long-vanished regime, widely regarded as brutal and corrupt.

Charles said the case is now in the hands of a judge of instruction who will decide whether there is enough evidence to go to trial, a process that can take up to three months.

Several hundred Duvalier supporters gathered outside the court, burning tires, chanting slogans

“The citizens of this country have endured so much crime. We haven't had a president who hasn't committed crimes.”

— FENEL ALEXI, A 31-YEAR-OLD MECHANIC, DENOUNCING BOTH JEAN-CLAUDE “BABY DOC” DUVALIER AND PRESIDENT RENE PREVAL AS HE HEARD DUVALIER SUPPORTERS CHANT.

and calling for the arrest of President Rene Preval, then cheering as Duvalier left the courthouse and headed to his hotel under police escort. Earlier, some supporters had tried to block streets with overturned trash bins and rocks to keep police from taking Duvalier from his hotel to the courthouse.

There are no signs of widespread

support for Duvalier, however. Demonstrations on his behalf have been relatively small by Haiti standards. More than half the nation's people are too young to have lived through his government.

Haiti's system allows for pre-trial detention, but Duvalier was allowed to remain free, though he cannot leave the country. (AP)



About 100 protesters chant slogans against the RCD party of ousted president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in Tunis, Tunisia, on Tuesday.

Tunisia's Government Fractures

Tunis, Tunisia

At least four ministers slammed the door on Tunisia's day-old unity government Tuesday, echoing the concerns of demonstrators who insist democratic change is impossible while so many supporters of the freshly ousted president are hoarding posts of power.

Police in riot gear forcefully put down a demonstration of the sort that toppled the country's longtime autocratic leader last week, pum-

eling a demonstrator with batons and boot kicks — and highlighting a question on many minds: Is the new regime really much different?

As Tunisia struggles to move past the rioting, looting and score-settling that has marked the political transition, there was a growing sense Tuesday that it will be difficult for the interim government to hold together and pave the way toward expected upcoming elections.

After the initial exhilaration of last week, when a populist uprising

oust President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali after 23 years in power and sent him fleeing to Saudi Arabia, many are fretting about what it ultimately meant.

“I am afraid that our revolution will be stolen from me and my people. The people are asking for freedoms, and this new government is not. They are the ones who oppressed the people for 23 years,” said Ines Mawdud, a 22-year-old student. BOUAZZA BEN BOUAZZA AND HADEEL AL-SHALCHI (AP)

7.2 Earthquake Rocks Pakistan

Islamabad

A major, 7.2-magnitude earthquake rocked a remote area of southwestern Pakistan early Wednesday, shaking many parts of the country and causing tremors as far away as India and the United Arab Emirates.

The quake was centered in Baluchistan province, the country's most sparsely populated area, said the United States Geological Service, occurring at 1:30 a.m. local time at a depth of about 50 miles.

Its epicenter was in a remote area about 200 miles southwest of the Baluchistan capital of Quetta, said chief Pakistani meteorologist Arif Mahmood, not far from the Afghan border. Local TV reports said the quake was felt throughout several other provinces, too. (AP)

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The number of days elephant mother Sabie carried baby Uli, who was born Monday morning at the Wuppertal Zoo in Germany. Uli weighed almost 220 pounds at birth. (AP)



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The Old College Try (Not)

A new study finds students aren't learning much from their higher education

Education

You are told that to make it in life, you must go to college. You work hard to get there. You or your parents drain savings or take out huge loans to pay for it all. And you end up learning not much.

A study of more than 2,300 undergraduates found 45 percent of students show no significant improvement in the key measures of critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing by the end of their sophomore years.

Not much is asked of students,

"It's not the case that giving out more credentials is going to make the U.S. more economically competitive. It requires academic rigor. ... You can't just get it through osmosis at these institutions."

— SOCIOLOGIST RICHARD ARUM OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND A STUDY CO-AUTHOR.

either. Half did not take a single course requiring 20 pages of writing during their prior semester, and one-third did not take a single course requiring even 40 pages of reading per week.

The findings are in a new

book, "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses," by sociologists Richard Arum of New York University and Josipa Roksa of the University of Virginia. An accompanying report argues against federal mandates

holding schools accountable, a prospect long feared in American higher education.

"The great thing — if you can call it that — is that it's going to spark a dialogue and focus on the actual learning issue," said David Paris, president of the New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability.

The study, an unusually large-scale effort to track student learning, comes as the federal government, reformers and others argue that the U.S. must produce more college graduates to remain competi-

tive globally. But if students aren't learning much, that calls into question whether boosting graduation rates will provide that edge.

The findings also will likely spark a debate over what helps and hurts students learn. To sum up, it's good to lead a monk's existence: Students who study alone and have heavier reading and writing loads do well.

The book is based on information from 24 schools, meant to be a representative sample, that provided Collegiate Learning Assessment data on students who took the standardized test in their first semester in fall 2005 and at the end of their sophomore years in spring 2007.

Arum and Roksa spread the blame, pointing to students who don't study much and seek easy courses, and a culture at colleges and universities that values research over good teaching.

Subsequent research found students one year out of college are not faring well: One-third moved back home, and 10 percent were unemployed. The findings are troubling news for an engaged citizenry, Arum said. Almost half of those surveyed said they rarely, if ever, discuss politics or public affairs with others either in person or online. ERIC GORSKI (AP)

NO Students who spent more time studying with peers showed diminishing growth in learning levels, and students who spent more time in the Greek system had decreased rates of learning. Activities such as working off campus, participating in campus clubs and volunteering did not affect learning.

YES Students who studied alone, read and wrote more, attended more-selective schools, and majored in traditional arts and sciences had greater learning gains.

Students from families with different levels of parental education enter college with different learning levels but learn at about the same rates while attending college. The racial gap between black and white students going in, however, widens: Black students improve their assessment scores at lower levels than whites.

45% The portion of college students whose performance didn't improve after two years.

36% Portion of students who didn't improve in key categories after four years.

Schools Learning From the Results

Some colleges and universities do not need convincing of the study's conclusions. The University of Charleston, in West Virginia, has beefed up writing assignments in disciplines such as nursing and biology to improve learning. President Edwin Welch is among more than 70 college and university presidents pledging to take steps to improve student learning, use evidence to improve instruction and publicize results. "I think we do need more transparency," Welch said. "I think a student at a private institution who might go into debt for \$40,000 or \$50,000 has the right to know what he can learn at the institution." (AP)

Glenmont Garage to Come

Ground is broken for a new six-story structure at the Montgomery County stop

State and local officials held a ground-breaking Tuesday for a new parking garage at the Glenmont Metrorail Station.

Construction, which began earlier this month, is expected to continue for about a year on the six-story parking garage, which will be across Georgia Avenue from the station.

The 1,200-space garage should open in early 2012, Metro said, and will bring the total parking at Glenmont to nearly 3,000 spaces. The new garage is expected to cost \$24.7 million.

"The current demand for parking at

Red Line Disruption

A portion of Metro's Red Line was shut down between the Shady Grove and Twinbrook stations Tuesday because of power lines hanging above the tracks. The problem was reported at about 10 a.m. Service was restored at 3 p.m.

Glenmont is overwhelming and far exceeds available capacity, with the garage filling up by 7:45 a.m. on most weekdays," said Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett.

"When this new garage is completed in 2012, commuters will no longer be turned away due to lack of station parking."

According to officials, the Glenmont Station, which opened in 1999, has the

fourth-highest number of weekday boardings in Montgomery County, with an average of 6,000.

Other officials who appeared at the groundbreaking included U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md.; County Council President Valerie Ervin; and Metro Interim General Manager Richard Sarles.

"By increasing parking at Glenmont from just under 1,800 spaces to almost 3,000 parking spaces, we are making Metro a much more attractive alternative to driving down Georgia Avenue," Sarles said.

Officials hope the garage will earn a LEED rating from the U.S. Green Building Council for being environmentally friendly through its use of energy-efficient materials and green construction practices.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

METRO PULSE

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Local

D.C. Marriage Suit Nixed

Supreme Court won't revive push for vote on same-sex nuptials law

Washington

The Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to revive a lawsuit intending to allow a voter referendum on the District's same-sex marriage law.

Local courts have said the District's Board of Elections and Ethics was justified in denying attempts by opponents of same-sex marriage to put the issue to a vote.

Without comment, the justices said they would not review the decision upholding the board's decision by the D.C. Court of Appeals.

The board has contended that such a ballot initiative would, if approved, violate the city's Human Rights Act, which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation. A judge agreed, and the appeals



Jackson

court, by a vote of 5-4, upheld the ruling.

The challenge was led by Bishop Harry Jackson, a D.C. resident who is pastor of Hope Christian Church in Beltsville, Md.

He and other opponents, represented by a conservative legal group, said it should not be up to officials to decide when public initiatives are allowed.

The D.C. appeals court majority said that the board "correctly determined that the proposed initiative would have the effect of authorizing" discrimination.

Proponents of the referendum said it is up to Congress, not the council, to set policy on ballot initiatives.

They told the court that the issue was of such national importance it should agree to hear the dispute.

But the city said the Supreme Court should remain true to its policy to defer to the District's court of appeals on matters of strictly local significance.

The D.C. Council voted in 2009 to allow same-sex marriages.

ROBERT BARNES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Deep Freeze Encases D.C. Area



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ICE FROM OVERNIGHT FREEZING RAIN coats shrubs at the Ballston Metro station as commuters board buses Tuesday. The conditions forced many area school systems to close and delayed the federal government's opening.

Lawyer Says Va. Teen in Kuwait To Return Soon

Alexandria

A government lawyer says that a Virginia teenager stuck in Kuwait because of his apparent placement on the no-fly list should be able to return to the U.S. on Thursday.

Gulet Mohamed, 19, sued the government Tuesday in federal court, and a judge scheduled an emergency hearing within hours.

The judge said Mohamed's inability to return to the U.S. appears to be a violation of his rights. Mohamed says Kuwaiti authorities arrested him last month at the behest of the United States. (AP)

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Sports

'I'm ... Starting From Scratch'

Strasburg is making progress on the road back from surgery

The Nationals

Stephen Strasburg, whose brilliance last summer grabbed baseball by the throat, has not grabbed a hardball in months. Some 150 days have passed since Strasburg picked up a ball, an act he performed without thought almost daily for most of his life, the thing that gave him joy and made him a millionaire.

Sometimes, for a drill that strengthens his fingertips without too stringently testing the new ligament in his right elbow, Strasburg flips a yellow softball in the air. That is the closest he has allowed himself to come to touching a baseball since Aug. 21, the day he threw the final pitch of his rookie season. "I'm saving picking up a baseball for until I start throwing," Strasburg said.

Within two or three weeks, according to the plan set out by Strasburg's doctors, he will begin tossing a ball again, a significant milestone in his recovery from Tommy John surgery. Until then, the second chapter of his career will continue its tedious churn. Physical therapy on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Running. Weight lifting. One day off.



Stephen Strasburg says he's in the best shape of his life because of all the rehab work.

"At first, I was real shell-shocked. I didn't know what was going to happen. Now, I'm getting pretty comfortable with the idea of working back. It feels good."

WORKING HIS WAY BACK

In less than a month, the Nationals will start trickling into Viera, Fla., for spring training. While his teammates prepare for the season, rifling pitches at full speed, Strasburg will play light toss in adherence to his strict schedule.

Strasburg will rebuild his arm

strength, remaining in Viera, once the team heads north for the season. Around mid-August, he is expected to begin minor league rehab appearances. Most likely, he'll throw his next major league pitch in 2012.

"This is going to be tough," said Tony Gwynn, Strasburg's coach at San Diego State. "The fact that he's not going to pitch at all this year is going to drive him bonkers. But I think he realizes what's at stake."

FIGHTING THE TEDIUM

The importance and progress hardly detract from the tedium. His physical trainer sometimes has to restrain Strasburg in workouts. "It's the same every day," Strasburg said. "There are times when you're, like, 'Come on; let's do something new.'"

Strasburg has found means to cull some joy from the monotony. On his flight to San Diego in September, he scrawled his feelings in a notebook. He wanted to remember his emotions a year later. Instead, the notebook became a journal. He keeps meticulous track of his workouts, his diet, his thoughts. When he flips back to November, he marvels at his progress.

"I'm really starting from scratch," Strasburg said. "I really see the progression." **ADAM KILGORE**
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

Idol's Time: How Strasburg Has Stayed Busy



HITTING THE BOOKS

In an effort to work toward a degree, Strasburg took two public administration classes at San Diego State. He wrote his thesis on the effect new stadiums have on neighborhoods, focusing his research on Nationals Park.



SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Since the fall semester concluded, he bought a house and attends San Diego State basketball games. And he even told Nats pitching coach Steve McCatty he visited Big Bear Mountain in California on a skiing and snowboarding trip.



RUNNING & WALKING

He created the Stephen Strasburg 5K Fun Run & Walk, which drew more than 1,500 people to San Diego State on Saturday. All the proceeds went to the university's baseball team, which has felt the crunch of California state budget shortfalls.

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Sports

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Will the Redskins Ever See the Light?

"Dim" is one way I've been described — especially by the person who loves me most. With that in mind, a few questions came to mind when watching the NFL playoffs this weekend.

For one, can someone please explain to me how the Steelers can have

only three head coaches since 1969 and still run innovative and successful schemes each year?

Maybe someone else can illuminate me on how the Bears can

reach the NFC title game in the same year that they hired two high-profile assistants, changed their offense and signed a premier defensive lineman.

A third person may know why the Jets can draft a quarterback,

You see, it's hard to fathom such accomplishments while watching the Redskins.

start him right away, and reach two-straight AFC title games.

Finally, another person can tackle how the Packers can overcome placing 14 players on injured reserve to be within a win of the Super Bowl.

You see, it's hard to fathom such accomplishments while watching the Redskins. Anything Washington tries to do fails. There's no doubt the team sees what more successful franchises are doing and tries to copy them.

The only thing that eludes the Redskins is picking the right free agents to sign, college stars to draft and coaches to lead. Other than that, Washington is A-OK.

Winning isn't easy in the NFL, but not impossible. If a dimwit like me can figure it out, maybe the Redskins will, too — and end this dark age.

To reach Matt Swenson, e-mail matt.swenson@readexpress.com



One Bears fan was already looking ahead during last Sunday's game in Chicago.

A Rivalry That Never Gets Old

Bears-Packers game takes on even higher stakes in the playoffs

Pro Football

From the moment he was hired, Chicago Bears coach Lovie Smith made it clear the goals were to beat Green Bay, win the division and win the Super Bowl. Beating Green Bay to get to the Super Bowl? Well, that's an added bonus.

"The first thing [chairman] Michael McCaskey went over when I came here to interview for the job was to make sure I knew about the rivalry," Smith said. "Believe me, we know exactly how we're supposed to feel about that rivalry."

Now, it's Chicago against Green Bay for the NFC championship at Soldier Field, and the stakes have never been higher in a series that dates to 1921. This will be a hot draw no mat-

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The number of times the Bears and Packers have played, with Chicago holding a 92-83-6 edge. The only time they met in the playoffs was 1941; Chicago won, 33-14. (AP)

ter how cold it is on Sunday.

These are franchises with a combined 21 NFL championships and 48 Hall of Fame players. Bears fans remember Walter Payton getting run over when he was well out of bounds and Jim McMahon getting driven to the turf by Charles Martin several seconds after the whistle. Packers fans will say the Bears were no angels, either. What about now?

Tight end Greg Olsen said that the Bears "want to beat the Packers. It's not that we want to beat Aaron Rodgers." Even so, Smith insisted, "we don't like each other." (AP)

TV Lineup

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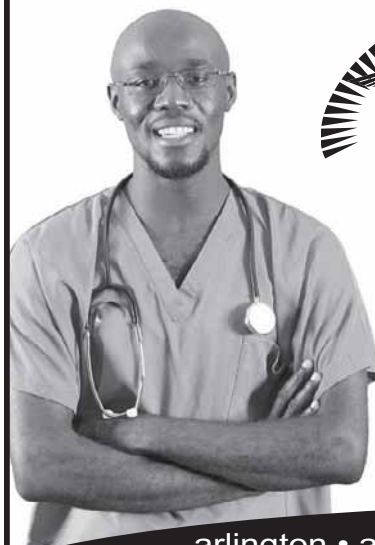
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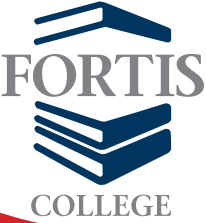


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Geek Philosophy



An Electric Slide

Call me crazy, but I'd like to think 2011 might offer more to look forward to, tech-wise, than the arrival of more iPad wannabes. That yearning led me to wonder whether this might be the year that fully electric-powered cars take the fast lane into American garages.



By
Kenneth
Terrell

The Nissan Leaf — the first totally electric, mass-produced, highway-ready automobile — started arriving in car dealerships at the end of last year. This unassuming-looking hatchback has a

list price around \$32,700, but you can get a federal tax credit of up to \$7,500 for buying one. The money you might save on fuel also could be a bonus for your wallet: The EPA says the Leaf's fuel efficiency is comparable to getting 99 miles per gallon of gas.

Nissan plans to sell 50,000 Leaf cars worldwide by the end of the year. That's barely more than a Beltway traffic jam, a pinkie toe at best, when it comes to our nation's carbon footprint. But other automakers are offering their own electric options, such as Chevy's Volt (which uses electricity and gas) and the sleek Tesla sports car. If enough drivers get excited about the options, 2011 could be the year that electric cars take charge.

Return to Yesterday

The Decemberists find radio support via a vintage sound and simplified songwriting

Album Preview

A decade after the band formed — and five years and two albums after it signed to Capitol — the Decemberists are returning to their folk-rock roots. At just the right time, perhaps: The team surrounding the Portland, Ore., band says this is the group's moment.

"This is a great artist development story," says Greg Thompson, EMI executive vice president of marketing. "The Decemberists have built a real career, and it's the right record for them right now."

Some would say the band already had one moment in 2006, when its fourth album "The Crane Wife" yielded numerous TV, film and ad synchs — or at South by Southwest in 2009, when the Decemberists premiered their fifth set, "The Hazards of Love," to a manic crowd at a sold-out NPR Showcase at Stubb's in Austin.

This time around, however, listeners will find none of the operatic folk tales or Shakespearean song cycles they're familiar with. Instead, the songs on their sixth album "The King Is Dead" — released Tuesday — feature a decidedly simpler songwriting approach than in years past. And that newfound conciseness and accessibility just might give the band a real shot at radio airplay — notably with the lead single, "Down by



Collaborations

Bang for Your Buck

The Decemberists called upon some famous friends to help record "The King Is Dead": Americana staple Gillian Welch sings on seven songs, while R.E.M.'s Peter Buck adds guitar and mandolin to three. "I was trying to free my mind from more academic music interests I had over the last four or five years and trying to reconnect with some of the music that initially got me playing guitar and writing songs in the first place," singer Colin Meloy says. "So I started writing these boldfaced R.E.M. songs, and I thought, 'If we're going to go there, it would be fun to get Peter on board.'" Buck's contributions help balance the record's two focuses: '80s indie and vintage country-rock. (BILLBOARD.COM)

the Water."

"Triple A radio has embraced the track," Thompson says. "Doors are opening for the Decemberists that might not necessarily have been there before."

Still, frontman/primary songwriter Colin Meloy says radio airplay doesn't rank as a major concern for the group. "I don't think about that stuff," Meloy says. "I'd be better off on the radio if I had a time machine and could go to Athens, Ga., in 1986 to write music."

JILLIAN MAPES (BILLBOARD.COM)



Teen Dream Team: Diane Warren wrote a new song for "Never Say Never," Justin Bieber's highly anticipated 3-D movie (out Feb. 11). Hours after winning a Golden Globe for "You Haven't Seen the Last of Me," sung by Cher in "Burlesque," the veteran songwriter revealed "Born to Be Somebody." "It's a beautiful song," said Warren of the recently finished song. "That's a good age difference between Cher and Justin — 40 years!" (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

1 **Hump Day Will Never Be the Same**

Because the middle of the week isn't weird enough, the Rock and Roll Hotel is rolling out WTF Wednesdays, a fiesta of half-price burgers, \$3 shots and drinks, and three episodes of "Twin Peaks," the twisted series from the mind of David Lynch, right, on the big screen back to back. **Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; 7 p.m., free; 202-388-7625.**



2 **All New, All Live**

The Madcap Players' annual Winter Carnival showcases short new plays whose plot synopses read like "Friends" episodes and whose execution will surely range from divine to unbearable. This is how new writers get better; but you have to be part of the process. **H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; through Jan. 30, \$20; 800-494-8497.**



3 **Rock Band Lobster**

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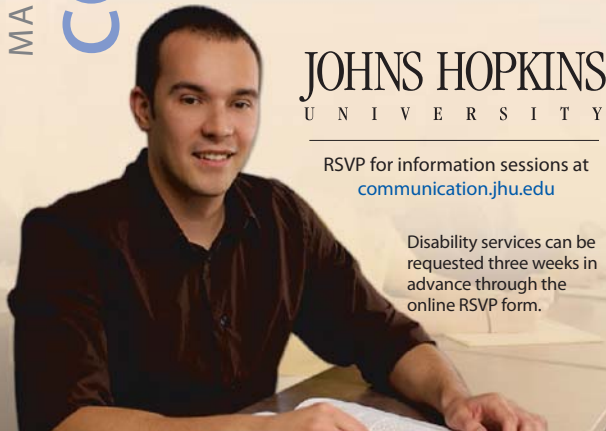
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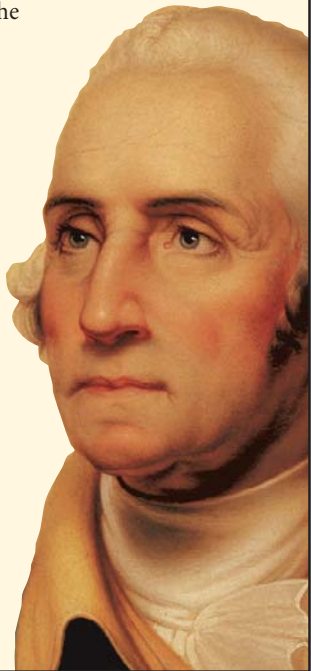
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NBC
9:00

Chase When a key witness against an accused drug kingpin is murdered, the defendant's wife, who is determined to keep him out of jail, is the prime suspect. But bringing her to justice proves risky for Annie.

ABC
10:00

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CBS
10:00

Blue Bloods A missing-person case that hit Frank hard 25 years ago comes back to haunt him when the victim's remains are found, and he vows to bring the killer to justice. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



AMERICAN IDOL

Don't Stop BelievingFOX
8:00

Steven Tyler and Jennifer Lopez are the new additions to the "American Idol" judges panel as the singing contest returns for a 10th season. While Tyler is no Simon Cowell, he has an honest streak and knows how to use it, so those with an inflated sense of their singing talent should consider themselves warned as the audition rounds begin. Judge Randy Jackson and host Ryan Seacrest return. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Reunions**Made It After All**

"Hot in Cleveland" (10 p.m., TV Land) returns for a second season with a cameo appearance by Mary Tyler Moore, above. Sadly, the reunion of Moore with her "Mary Tyler Moore Show" co-star Betty White is shot through with obvious references to the past and several forced non-witticisms.

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Beatlemania's New Digs

One dedicated fan hatches Buenos Aires' Fab Four museum

Outings

A brick from the Cavern Club, a check for 11 pounds signed by Ringo Starr, an "authentic" Beatles wig. These and thousands of other objects related to the "Fab Four" are luring Beatles fans to a new museum in Buenos Aires.
The museum is the product of the particular "Beatlemania" obsession of Rodolfo Vazquez, a 53-year-old accountant who became a fan at the age of 10 when he got their "Rubber Soul" record. "With the song "In My Life," I fell in love with the Beatles," he said.
Vazquez scooped up all the memorabilia he could find in Bue-



The Beatles Museum in Buenos Aires, Argentina, touts more than 2,200 Beatles items.

nos Aires about history's most famous rock band, an obsession that grew until he made it into Guinness World Records in 2001 as having the planet's largest col-

lection. His hoard has grown to more than 8,500 records, gadgets, puppets and games since then, more than 2,200 of which are on display in the Beatle Museum that

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Number of Beatles items Rodolfo Vazquez had in the attic of his Buenos Aires home, according to Guinness World Records. (AP)

just opened this month on Avenue Corrientes, in an area of the capital where tourists throng.
Vazquez said nearly 2,000 people have visited since the museum opened on Jan. 3. Getting the chance to show his treasures to fellow fans is immensely satisfying to Vazquez, but he says there's one thing he hasn't been able to do: meet the surviving Beatles themselves.
"What I am missing is to shake hands with Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr," he said. "I would be the happiest collector on Earth."
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Reconsider the Oyster

Folks have been slurping (or spooning down) oysters around D.C. for hundreds of years. Before the Brits arrived, Piscataway Indians harvested salty bivalves from local waters; in the 19th century, first lady Dolley Madison created a stir when she snacked at a downtown oyster house. And, unlike many celebratory foods, the molluscs are low in fat and high in minerals, meaning they won't interfere with new year's resolutions. Oysters are in season; here are three easy ways to enjoy them. **MONICA BHIDE**

THE ROASTED

The basics: "Get the most local, fresh oysters that you can find. I like fatter ones for grilling," says Anthony Chittum, chef at Vermillion (1120 King St., Alexandria; 703-684-9669). For roasting, he prefers Chesapeake Dragon Creek bivalves. To roast, heat the grill on high, add oysters, and cook just until shells start to pop open.



Dishing them up: After they are roasted, the oysters will start to open and can be easily shucked with an oyster knife. Open them and add some fresh lemon.

Partners: Hush puppies and corn on the cob are great sides. To sip, try a dry white wine such as an Albarino or sauvignon blanc.

THE RAW

The basics: If you're serving raw oysters, order from a reliable fishmonger (try Taylorshellfish.com or Whole Foods) and check "to be sure they're heavy in their shells," says oyster expert Jon Rowley, a onetime commercial fisherman who has organized bivalve feasts for the likes of Le Bernadin in New York City. Aim for three to 12 critters per guest.



Dishing them up: Ideally, you'll invest in an oyster knife and serve the oysters shortly after opening on a plate of ice. Keep them at 35 to 40 degrees with a wet towel or seaweed on top. If you want your guests to shuck oysters, be sure to offer them cleaned oysters and provide safety gloves or towels (to help hold the molluscs in place). Small, sharp specialty oyster knives will help brave guests pry open the shells, or you can also have your seafood dealer shuck them — just serve them on the half shell within an hour or two.

Partners: Purists insist raw oysters taste best on their own. But you can also top them with cocktail sauce, a dash of Tabasco or Kit Wohl's Red Horseradish Cocktail Sauce. To make the last, simply mix a cup of ketchup, 2 tablespoons of prepared horseradish, 1/8 teaspoons of hot sauce, the juice of half a lemon and a dash of Worcestershire sauce, whisk and chill.

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THE FRIED

The basics: While there is no one way to fry oysters, Kit Wohl, author of "The P&J Oyster Cookbook" (Pelican, 2010) recommends the snappy combination of textures in this fry mixture. Many cooks like an all-cornmeal crust; crushed saltine crackers will also work.

Yields 36 Oysters

- 2/3 cup self-rising flour
- 2/3 cup self-rising yellow cornmeal
- 2/3 cup self-rising white cornmeal
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tbsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 gallon (roughly) peanut oil

In a small bowl, evenly combine the flour and the yellow and white corn meals, and season with salt and pepper. Dredge each of the oysters in the flour mixture, lightly coating them, then gently shake them to remove excess flour. Set aside.

Place a large, heavy pot or Dutch oven no more than one-third full of peanut oil over high heat (or, set a deep fryer to 350 F).

Set the oven temperature to 200 F. Line a baking sheet with paper towels and place it in the oven.

When the oil reaches the correct temperature, use tongs to drop each oyster in the hot oil and fry until golden. It will require only a minute or two, so watch carefully. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the oysters to the warm oven until all of them have been fried.

Dishing them up: Either dip into cocktail sauce, or serve on sliced baguette for a simple po'boy.

Partners: The crispy, ocean-scented ovals go down well with a light, malty beer — chef Anthony Chittum recommends Stella Artois.

Recipe File



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Ingredients

- 24 shucked fresh oysters, with bottom shells reserved
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For maximum flavor, place the oysters, Champagne or vodka, chives and caviar in the refrigerator in covered containers and chill well before they're assembled.

To serve, place two oysters in each martini glass. Top each with Champagne or vodka to 1/2 inch below the rim of the glass.

Sprinkle chopped chives on top of each oyster for color. Garnish with caviar if desired.

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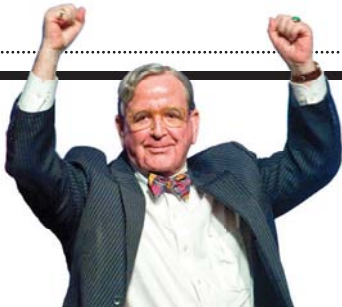
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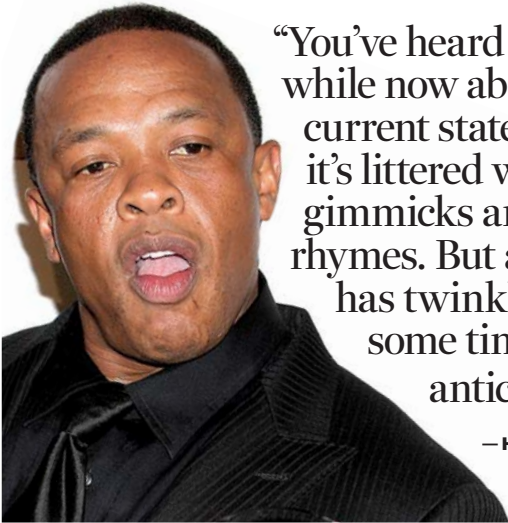
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can solve an unexpected problem in an equally unexpected way, provided you are in the right place at the right time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can control more variables than usual, which will provide you with a certain advantage over those who are gaining on you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be confused by the official version of a recent event, simply because you were there and remember it differently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are feeling capable and confident, and you've been working hard to keep your skills honed and your attitude bright and positive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You want someone else to take the lead, and yet before day's end you may find yourself right back in the driver's seat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may find it more difficult than usual to get others to adhere to the schedule you have devised. Perhaps certain adjustments are necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others are not getting the results you require, and you may have to step in and take over in order to turn things around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) What another cannot do, you may be able to do with remarkable ease. It's as much a matter of luck and timing as anything else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It's time to stop hesitating and go for broke. The risk of losing everything is actually quite small, and gains may be tremendous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Quiet gives way to noise, and calm gives way to chaos, but only if you are unable to spot a certain key opportunity when it arises.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 243

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1st Letter
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RACK 3

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

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| A ₁ | S ₁ | I ₁ | N ₁ | I ₁ | N ₁ | E ₁ | RACK 1 = | 57 |
| T ₁ | O ₁ | O ₁ | L ₁ | B ₃ | O ₁ | X ₈ | RACK 2 = | 98 |
| C ₃ | Y ₄ | C ₃ | L ₁ | O ₁ | N ₁ | E ₁ | RACK 3 = | 68 |
| B ₃ | U ₁ | L ₁ | W ₄ | A ₁ | R ₁ | K ₅ | RACK 4 = | 66 |
| PAR SCORE 200-210 | | | | | | | | TOTAL 289 |

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

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Yesterday's Solution

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37 | 30

Tomorrow: Increasing clouds tomorrow. Snow tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

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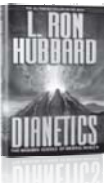
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Moonrise today: 5:20 p.m.
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Crossword

A BITTER PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Some Glaswegians wear them
- 5 When to do rush jobs
- 9 Whacks sharply
- 14 "Regrets, I've had ____ ..."
- 15 High C, for one
- 16 First episode in a TV series
- 17 Traditional tales
- 18 It'll stink up the place
- 19 Related through the mother
- 20 Heat waves' opposites
- 22 PC drive insert
- 23 Cold and hard
- 24 Grand in scale
- 26 Run ____ (go berserk)
- 29 Go over again
- 33 Have reservations about
- 37 MasterCard rival
- 39 Dot in the ocean
- 40 Niche at Notre Dame
- 41 Chips collection
- 42 Property claim
- 43 Film vault holding
- 44 Mental germ
- 45 Natural weapons
- 46 Sign up for a class
- 48 Flood preventer
- 50 Big tippler
- 52 To some extent
- 57 Composer of the Mephisto Waltzes
- 60 It's caused by arctic conditions
- 63 Narrow water passage
- 64 They may be kept in chests
- 65 Exploring a la Columbus
- 66 Blazing
- 67 Sporting weapon
- 68 Box for practice
- 69 Whirlybird whirler
- 70 Egghead
- 71 Song in praise of God

DOWN

- 1 Rash preventers
- 2 "The game is ____!" (Sherlock Holmes line)

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| 69 | | | | | | 70 | | | | | 71 | | | |

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- 3 Singer Haggard
- 4 Krona spender
- 5 Assumed name
- 6 Malt shop offering
- 7 On the roof of
- 8 Latin for "in itself"
- 9 Coined money
- 10 Freezing weather factor
- 11 Off-the-market fruit spray
- 12 Dorothy's dog
- 13 ____ the tide
- 21 Lattice piece
- 25 Make supplication
- 27 Roman love poet
- 28 Wrote bad checks
- 30 Where most humans reside
- 31 Did in, as a dragon
- 32 Female lobsters
- 33 Throw caution to the wind
- 34 Dentist's request
- 35 ____ name (computer ID)
- 36 Frigid temperature range
- 38 Blackjack option
- 41 Fixture at a pottery
- 45 Smallest postage hike
- 47 Wayside waste
- 49 Exchanged smacks
- 51 More than occasionally
- 53 Put to shame
- 54 Like thin smoke rings
- 55 "Hannibal" Smith's group
- 56 Ace
- 57 Polygraph victim

- 58 The I in FYI, for short
- 59 Small opening
- 61 Mountain-climbing aid
- 62 ____ and terminer (criminal court)

Yesterday's Solution

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Today in History

- 1944** The federal government relinquishes control of the nation's railroads.
- 2001** Bill Clinton acknowledges making false statements under oath about Monica Lewinsky.
- 2010** Republican Scott Brown captures the U.S. Senate seat held by Edward Kennedy for nearly half a century in a special election.

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NEW LOVE

Slow Burn Re-enactment Of 'Made of Honor'

Singer Melissa Etheridge, who ended her marriage to Tammy Lynn Michaels less than a year ago, is apparently attached again. Her new girlfriend is Linda Wallem, creator of Showtime's "Nurse Jackie." Wallem was the "best man" at Etheridge's marriage to Michaels in 2003. Michaels recently sued Etheridge for sole custody of the couple's 3-year old twins, Johnnie Rose and Miller. (EXPRESS)



MATH MAGIC

JLo, Husband to Use All World's Resources by 2050

Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez says she can't wait to add more children to her family. Lopez told Ellen Degeneres that she wants to be pregnant "a thousand more times." Lopez, 41, is currently raising twins with her husband, singer Marc Antony. Lopez, a judge on "American Idol," also joked that host Ryan Seacrest has more shoes than she does. (EXPRESS)



To be satisfied, Jennifer Lopez would have to live at least 750 more years.

Shocking

**Hair Also to Blame For 'Bounty Hunter'**

Actress Jennifer Aniston, who became famous playing Rachel Green on "Friends," revealed to Allure magazine that her iconic and widely copied hair-cut (known as "The Rachel") was "the ugliest haircut [she's] ever seen." She called hairstylist Chris McMillan, who gave her the cut, "the bane of [her] existence." (EXPRESS)



ABC's challenge: Find a replacement named Regis, to preserve the title.

CAREER CHANGE

Living Legend

Veteran broadcaster Regis Philbin says he's retiring from his weekday talk show. Philbin, 79, made the announcement at the start of Tuesday morning's "Live With Regis and Kelly," which he has hosted for a quarter-century, most recently sharing hosting duties with Kelly Ripa. Philbin said he would be stepping down from the show around the end of the summer, but he didn't specify a departure date. "We'll have a lot of fun between now and then," he assured the audience. (AP)



CLEAN SLATE

Next Steps for Lohan: Passing MCAT, Bar Exam

Lindsay Lohan has passed as many as 10 random drug and alcohol tests in the two weeks since she was released from rehab, her father, Michael Lohan says. Radaronline.com reports that Lohan has been leading a calm and laid-back existence since getting out of the Betty Ford Center and that her father's assessment is that "she is serious about staying healthy" and "she is doing really great." (EXPRESS)

"Do people think that somewhere in my brain, I think Derek can save me from someone telling me my dog can't fly?"



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